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For this list, published in the Year of the Young Reader, a committee of children's book specialists from school and public libraries and a bookseller have examined books published chiefly during 1988, seeking to gather a selection of picture books, fiction, and nonfiction that will appeal to children, stimulate their imaginations, and meet their needs for information. Vital to satisfying fiction and picture-story books are such elements as plot, theme, style, pace, characterization, and setting. Essential to the picture-story book is the art—its harmony with the text, the line, shape, and design. Critical to nonfiction are accuracy, organization, timeliness, clarity of presentation, and quality of writing and illustration.

This year we have seen an increase in the number of handsomely illustrated folktales, tall tales, and anthologies of poetry. There is a pleasing variety of subject and theme for the older reader—humor for the eight to twelves and deft treatment of such topics as death, Alzheimer's disease, and Vietnam for readers twelve and up.

Books listed here are loosely arranged first by age group and then according to whether they are fiction or nonfiction. They are arranged within categories alphabetically by title. Each entry provides full bibliographic information and includes the International Standard Book Number (ISBN). Book prices listed here are subject to change.

Other sources to consult include the New York Public Library's **Children's Books,** the American Library Association's **Notable Children's Books,** and **Children's Reviewers' Choice,** review journals, such as **Horn Book Magazine, School Library Journal, Bulletin from the Center for Children's Books,** and **Booklist,** and catalogs, such as the frequently revised H.W. Wilson's **Children's Catalog** and the Bro-Dart Foundation's **Elementary School Library Collection.** These may all be found in your local library.

Happy reading to all!

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Annabelle Swift, Kindergartner. *(By)* **Amy Schwartz.** *New York: Orchard/Watts (1988) 32 p. col. ill. $12.95 ISBN 0-531-05737-2 ($12.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-531-08337-3) 87-15403*

Apprehensive Annabelle in this engaging story finds her first day in kindergarten complicated by her older sister's instructions.

Baby Says. *(By)* **John Steptoe.** *New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books (1988) (24) p. col. ill. $9.95 ISBN 0-688-07423-5 ($9.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07424-3) 87-17296*

Expressive pictures tell the irresistible story of a baby's attempt to capture his big brother's attention.

Eat Up, Gemma. *By* **Sarah Hayes.** *Illustrated by* **Jan Ormerod.** *New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books (1988) (25) p. col. ill. $13.00 ISBN 0-688-08149-4 87-36205*

Beguiling pictures show little Gemma displaying her independent tastes for food.

Elbert's Bad Word. *By* **Audrey Wood.** *Illustrated by* **Audrey** *and* **Don Wood.** *New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich (1988) (32) p. col. ill. $13.95 ISBN 0-15-225320-3 86-7557*

In this droll picture book a young boy discovers that no matter how satisfying "bad words" may be, socially acceptable expletives are preferred.

First Things First. *Illustrated by* **Charlotte Voake.** *(Boston): Joy Street/(Little, Brown) (1988) 45 p. col. ill. $12.95 ISBN 0-316-90510-0 87-37536*

Introduces to babies numbers, letters, nursery rhymes, animals, and other concepts.

Going to the Hospital. *By* **Fred Rogers.** *Photographs by* **Jim Judkis.** *New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons [1988] [32] p. col. photos. (First experiences) $12.95 ISBN 0-399-21503-4 ($5.95 paper ISBN 0-399-21530-1) 87-19170*

Colorful photographs and reassuring texts are the hallmarks of Mr. Rogers's successful books about children's worries. Also in the same series is **When a Pet Dies** (ISBN 0-399-21504-2; paper ISBN 0-399-21529-8).

Goldilocks and the Three Bears. *Retold and illustrated by* **James Marshall.** *New York: Dial Books for Young Readers [1988] [30] p. col. ill. $10.95 ISBN 0-8037-0542-5 ($10.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-8037-0543-3) 87-32983*

Boisterous in pictures and text is this contemporary rendition of an old favorite.

Growing Colors. *[By]* **Bruce McMillan.** *New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books [1988] [32] p. col. photos. $12.95 ISBN 0-688-07844-3 ($12.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07845-1) 88-2767*

Creative photographs introduce colors and nature to young children.

The Lady with the Alligator Purse. *Adapted and illustrated by* **Nadine Bernard Westcott.** *Boston: Joy Street/Little, Brown [1988] [24] p. col. ill. $12.95 ISBN 0-316-93135-7 87-21368*

A delightful version of a traditional nonsense rhyme, in which the lady with the alligator purse cures Tiny Tim, Miss Lucy's ailing baby.

One Crow. *By* **Jim Aylesworth.** *Illustrated by* **Ruth Young.** *New York: J.B. Lippincott [1988] [31] p. col. ill. $12.95 ISBN 0-397-32174-0 ($12.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-397-32175-9) 85-45856*

For the young child, a pleasing introduction to the seasons and counting.

Out and About. *[By]* **Shirley Hughes.** *New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books [1988] [48] p. col. ill. $13.00 ISBN 0-688-07690-4 ($12.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07691-2) 87-17000*

Delightful drawings and verses capture a young child's view of the world.

Runaway Mittens. *By* **Jean Rogers.** *Pictures by* **Rie Munoz.** *New York: Greenwillow Books [1988] [24] p. col. ill. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-07053-1 ($11.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07054-X) 87-12024*

Striking watercolors enhance the story of an Alaskan boy who is constantly losing his mittens.

Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails. *[By]* **Nancy Tafuri.** *New York: Greenwillow Books [1988] [33] p. col. ill. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-07536-3 ($11.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07537-1) 87-15638*

Simple questions and eye-catching graphics present farm animals to young children.

Tail Feathers from Mother Goose: The Opie Rhyme Book. *Boston: Little, Brown [1988] 124 p. col. ill. $19.95 ISBN 0-316-65081-1 88-45307*

Diversely illustrated by well-known artists are these unfamiliar nursery verses.

The Train to Lulu's. *By Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard. Illustrated by* **Robert Casilla.** *New York: Bradbury Press, 1988 [32] p. col. ill. $13.95 ISBN 0-0274-4620-4 86-33429*

Two sisters share the varied pleasures of a long train ride from Boston to Baltimore.

Up and Down on the Merry-Go-Round. *By* **Bill Martin, Jr.,** *and* **John Archambault.** *Illustrated by* **Ted Rand.** *New York: Henry Holt [1988] [32] p. col. ill. $12.95 ISBN 0-8050-0681-8 87-28836*

Rollicking rhymes and vibrant pictures evoke the magic of the carousel.

Waving. *By* **Peter Sis.** *New York: Greenwillow [1988] [24] p. col. ill. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-07159-7 ($11.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07160-0) 86-25762*

When Mary's mother waves for a taxi, ever increasing numbers of Girl Scouts, waiters, tourists, taxi drivers, and joggers wave back. Cheerful drawings.

Where's the Baby? *By* **Pat Hutchins.** *New York: Greenwillow Books [1988] [32] p. col. ill. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-05933-3 ($11.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-05934-1) 86-33566*

In this funny rhyming story, a doting grandmother and a disgruntled sister offer very different interpretations of baby monster's activities.

Who Is Coming to Our House? *By* **Joseph Slate.** *Pictures by* **Ashley Wolff.** *New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons [1988] [32] p. col. ill. $13.95 ISBN 0-399-21537-9 87-7319*

Expressive woodcuts depict animals preparing for special guests in this quiet celebration of the first Christmas.

Who Said Red? *[By]* **Mary Serfozo.** *Illustrated by* **Keiko Narahashi.** *New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books [1988] [32] p. col. ill. $12.95 ISBN 0-689-50455-1 88-9345*

Accompanied by teasing verses, many objects splash across the pages in bright primary colors. Still, the little boy chooses red!

A Witch Got on at Paddington Station. *By* **Dyan Sheldon.** *Illustrated by* **Wendy Smith.** *New York: E. P. Dutton [1987] [26] p. col. ill. $11.95 ISBN 0-525-44352-5 88-14978*

Comic pictures chronicle the effect of a witch's antics aboard a crowded bus.

Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock. *Retold by* **Eric A. Kimmel.** *Illustrated by* **Janet Stevens.** *New York: Holiday House (1988) [30] p. col. ill. $13.95 ISBN 0-8234-0689-X 87-31766*

In this wryly funny story Anansi the spider is taught a needed lesson by the little bush deer.

A Basket Full of White Eggs: Riddle Poems. *By* **Brian Swann.** *Pictures by* **Ponder Goembel.** *New York: Orchard/Watts (1988) 31 p. col. ill. $14.95 ISBN 0-531-05734-8 ($14.99 lib. ed. ISBN 0-531-08334-9) 87-11220*

Vibrant pictures accompanying each of the short verses culled from various cultures provide clues to answer the question implied in each.

The Boy of the Three Year Nap. *(By)* **Dianne Snyder.** *Illustrated by* **Allen Say.** *Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company (1988) 32 p. col. ill. $14.95 ISBN 0-395-44090-4 87-30674*

In this retelling of a Japanese folktale, illustrated with verve and good humor, a very lazy boy wins the hand of a rich merchant's daughter through trickery and with a little boost from his mother.

Catwings. *(By)* **Ursula K. LeGuin.** *Illustrations by* **S. D. Schindler.** *New York: Orchard/Watts (1988) 40 p. col. ill. (A Richard Jackson book) $10.95 ISBN 0-531-05759-3 ($10.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-531-08359-4) 87-33104*

How three winged kittens find sanctuary and a home. Pleasing illustrations.

Chang's Paper Pony. *By* **Eleanor Coerr.** *Pictures by* **Deborah Kogan Ray.** *(New York): Harper & Row (1988) 64 p. col. ill. $10.95 ISBN 0-06-021328-0 ($10.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-06-021329-9) 87-45679*

Set during the California Gold Rush, this is the touching story of friendship between an immigrant Chinese boy and Big Pete the miner.

FROM TO

Children of Long Ago. *Poems by* **Lessie Jones Little.** *Pictures by* **Jan Spivey Gilchrist.** *New York: Philomel Books [1986] [32] p. col. ill. $13.95. ISBN 0-399-21473-9 87-2508*

Warm pastels illustrate poems of turn-of-the-century life in the rural South.

Clever Tom and the Leprechaun: An Old Irish Story. *Retold and illustrated by* **Linda Shute.** *New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books [1988] [34] p. col. ill. $12.95. ISBN 0-688-07488-X. ($12.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07489-8) 87-29671*

Rollicking pictures and text reveal that outwitting a leprechaun is easier said than done.

Delphine. *[By]* **Molly Bang.** *New York: Morrow Junior Books [1988] [23] p. col. ill. $11.95. ISBN 0-688-05636-9. ($11.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-05637-7) 87-34958*

A heroic little girl rides fearlessly through the mountains of a fantasy landscape to face with trepidation her first ride on a two-wheeler.

Emma's Christmas: An Old Song Re-sung. *Pictured by* **Irene Trivas.** *New York: Orchard/Watts [1988] [32] p. col. ill. $13.95. ISBN 0-531-05780-1. ($13.99 lib. ed. ISBN 0-531-08380-2) 88-1640*

A prince who won't take no for an answer sends the farmer's daughter a partridge in a pear tree—and much more. Based on the familiar song.

Fire Come to the Earth People: A Dahomean Folktale. *[By]* **Susan L. Roth.** *New York: St. Martin's Press [1988] [32] p. col. ill. $9.95. ISBN 0-312-01723-5. 87-43204*

A vivid retelling, strikingly illustrated in collage, of a folktale from Benin in which Tortoise and Chameleon capture fire.

Hello, House! *By* **Linda Hayward.** *Illustrated by* **Lynn Munsinger.** *New York: Random House [1988] 32 p. col. ill. (A Step 1 book) $6.95. ISBN 0-394-88864-2 ($6.99 lib. ed. ISBN 0-394-98864-7) 86-22080*

Brer Rabbit outwits Brer Wolf once again in a simple, humorously illustrated folktale geared to the beginning reader.

Her Seven Brothers. *Story and illustrations by* **Paul Goble.** *New York: Bradbury Press [1986] [27] p. col. ill. $13.95 ISBN 0-02-737960-4 86-31776*

Crisp paintings highlight this retelling of a Cheyenne Indian star legend.

Johnny Appleseed: A Tall Tale. *Retold and illustrated by* **Steven Kellogg.** *New York: Morrow Junior Books [1988] [34] p. col. ill. $12.95 ISBN 0-688-06417-5 ($12.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-06418-3) 87-27317*

Well-known legends of Johnny Appleseed, also known as John Chapman, are colorfully rendered in this picture book biography.

Mirandy and Brother Wind. *By* **Patricia C. McKissack.** *Illustrated by* **Jerry Pinkney.** *New York: Alfred A. Knopf [1988] [32] p. col. ill. $12.95 ISBN 0-394-88765-4 ($13.99 lib. ed. ISBN 0-394-98765-9) 87-349*

How Mirandy seeks help from Brother Wind is told in joyful pictures and spirited text.

Saying Good-bye to Grandma. *By* **Jane Resh Thomas.** *Illustrated by* **Marcia Sewall.** *New York: Clarion Books/ Ticknor & Fields: A Houghton Mifflin Company [1988] 48 p. col. ill. $13.95 ISBN 0-89919-645-4 87-20826*

A sensitive account of a family funeral as seen through the eyes of seven-year-old Suzie.

Sing a Song of Popcorn: Every Child's Book of Poems. *Illustrated by nine Caldecott Medal artists. Selected by* **Beatrice Schenk de Regniers, Eva Moore, Mary Michaels White, Jan Carr.** *New York: Scholastic Inc. [1988] 142 p. col. ill. $16.95 ISBN 0-590-40645-0 87-4330*

A harmony of verse and illustrations.

Spinky Sulks. *[By]* **William Steig.** *New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux [1988] [32] p. col. ill. (Michael di Capua books) $13.95 ISBN 0-374-38321-9 88-81292*

Wryly humorous illustrations and text tell of a persistent pouter whose family goes to extraordinary lengths to cheer him up.

Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea. *Story and pictures [by]* **Vera B. Williams.** *More pictures [by]* **Jennifer Williams.** *New York: Greenwillow Books [1988] [46] p. col. ill. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-07161-9 ($11.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07162-7) 86-29502*

Ingeniously presented through a series of postcards and snapshots, this story describes a trip to the West Coast made by Stringbean and his brother Fred.

Two Bad Ants. *[By]* **Chris Van Allsburg.** *Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1988. 31 p. col. ill. $15.95 ISBN 0-395-48668-8 88-12988*

Pictured from an ant's perspective, a kitchen is fraught with unexpected danger for two small adventurers.

Tyrannosaurus Was a Beast: Dinosaur Poems. *By* **Jack Prelutsky.** *Illustrated by* **Arnold Lobel.** *New York: Greenwillow Books [1988] 31 p. col. ill. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-06442-6 ($11.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-06443-4) 87-25131*

A series of imaginatively illustrated poems celebrating that best beloved beast, the dinosaur.

Under the Sunday Tree. *[By]* **Eloise Greenfield.** *Illustrated by* **Mr. Amos Ferguson.** *New York: Harper & Row (1988) 38 p. $12.95 ISBN 0-06-022254-9 ($12.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-06-022257-3) 87-29373*

Everyday life in the Bahamas is vividly caught in poetry and vibrant paintings by a native artist.

We Hate Rain! *[By]* **James Stevenson.** *New York: Greenwillow Books [1988] [32] p. col. ill. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-07786-2 ($11.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07787-0) 87-21204*

Humorous illustrations further exaggerate Grandpa's tall tale of great rain and flood when he and Uncle Wainey were children.

All about Sam. *[By]* **Lois Lowry.** *Illustrated by* **Diane deGroat.** *Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1988. 135 p. $12.95. ISBN 0-395-48662-9. 88-13231*

Anastasia Krupnik's irrepressible brother Sam takes the stage in this entertaining family saga.

Book Dragon. *[By]* **Donn Kushner.** *New York: Henry Holt [1987]. 197 p. $14.95. ISBN 0-8050-0759-8. 88-45179*

Chronicled here are the adventures of Nonesuch, the last of the great dragons.

Cally's Enterprise. *[By]* **Claudia Mills.** *New York: Macmillan Publishing Company [1988]. 115 p. $12.95. ISBN 0-02-767100-3. 87-36471*

A broken foot gives eleven-year-old Cally an unexpected chance to speak for herself.

Dear Mili: An Old Tale. *By* **Wilhelm Grimm.** *Newly translated by* **Ralph Manheim.** *With pictures by* **Maurice Sendak.** *New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1988. [38] p. : col. ill. (Michael Di Capua books). $16.95. ISBN 0-374-31762-3. 88-81294*

A little-known tale by Wilhelm Grimm, illustrated with Sendak's evocative drawings.

The Facts and Fictions of Minna Pratt. *[By]* **Patricia MacLachlan.** *New York: Harper & Row, [1988]. 136 p. $11.95. ISBN 0-06-024114-4. ($11.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-06-024117-9). 85-45388*

Skillfully interwoven with friendship, love, and Mozart is this story of an eleven-year-old musician and her family.

A Family Project. *[By]* **Sarah Ellis.** *New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books (1988). 137 p. $12.95. ISBN 0-689-50444-6. 87-22818*

A well-crafted poignant account of how the Darkley family, including eleven-year-old Jessica, eagerly prepare for the arrival of a baby, and how their lives change.

Matilda. *(By)* **Roald Dahl.** *Illustrations by* **Quentin Blake.** *New York: Viking Kestrel (1988)* *240 p.* *ill.* *$13.95* *ISBN 0-670-82439-9* *88-40312*

In this thoroughly satisfying story, a small, very talented child triumphs over her outrageously boorish parents and dastardly school headmistress.

Maudie in the Middle. *(By)* **Phyllis Reynolds Naylor** *and* **Lura Schield Reynolds.** *Illustrated by* **Judith Gwyn Brown.** *New York: Atheneum (1988)* *161 p.* *ill.* *(A Jean Karl book)* *$13.95* *ISBN 0-689-31395-0* *87-3470*

A lively story of life on an Iowa farm in the early 1900s shows Maudie, the middle one of seven children, trying valiantly, though not always wisely, to see that she is noticed.

Me, Mop, and the Moondance Kid. *(By)* **Walter Dean Myers.** *Illustrated by* **Rodney Pate.** *New York: Delacorte Press (1988)* *154 p.* *ill.* *$13.95* *ISBN 0-440-50065-6* *88-6503*

A refreshing conglomeration of characters including kids, nuns, adoptive parents, and coaches makes for a sprightly baseball story.

The Monster Garden. *(By)* **Vivien Alcock.** *New York: Delacorte Press (1988)* *134 p.* *$13.95* *ISBN 0-440-50053-2* *88-6900*

Creating life from a tissue sample taken from her father's lab puts Frankie in a perilous, sometimes humorous situation.

Moon Dark. *(By)* **Patricia Wrightson.** *Illustrated by* **Noela Young.** *New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books (1987)* *169 p.* *ill.* *$13.95* *ISBN 0-689-50451-9* *87-3903*

Set in the Australian countryside, this is the tale of Blue, a fisherman's dog, who leads wilderness animals in the search for a solution to the disrupted balance of nature.

One of the Third Grade Thonkers. *(By)* **Phyllis Reynolds Naylor.** *Illustrations by* **Walter Gaffney-Kessell.** *New York: Atheneum, 1988* *136 p.* *ill.* *$12.95* *ISBN 0-689-31424-8* *88-3130*

Jimmy and his club members, the "Rough, Tough, and Terrible Thonkers," have plans for spring vacation that don't include Jimmy's visiting wimpy cousin.

Rootabaga Stories, Part One. *By* **Carl Sandburg.** *Illustrated by* **Michael Hague.** *New York: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich [1988] 188 p. col. ill. $18.95 ISBN 0-15-269061-1* *88-935*

A new edition of the first volume of an American classic, delightfully illustrated.

Asking about Sex and Growing Up: A Question and Answer Book for Boys and Girls. *[By]* **Joanna Cole.** *Illustrated by* **Alan Tiegreen.** *New York: Morrow Junior Books [1988] 90 p. ill. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-06927-4 ($11.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-06928-2)* *87-26140*

An explicit book for preteens discusses a wide range of issues about sex in an easily read and clearly illustrated format.

Buffalo Hunt. *[By]* **Russell Freedman.** *New York: Holiday House [1988] 52 p. col. ill. $16.95 ISBN 0-8234-0702-0* *87-35303*

A profusely illustrated chronicle of the destruction of the buffalo and the Native American way of life.

Cats Are Cats. *Poems compiled by* **Nancy Larrick.** *Drawings by* **Ed Young.** *New York: Philomel Books [1988] 80 p. col. ill. $17.95 ISBN 0-399-21517-4 87-16728*

Pastel drawings complement this selection of forty-two poems about cats of every description.

In the Beginning: Creation Stories from Around the World. *Told by* **Virginia Hamilton.** *Illustrated by* **Barry Moser.** *New York: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich [1988] 161 p. col. ill. $18.95 ISBN 0-15-238740-4 88-6211*

Twenty-five creation myths, as varied as the cultures from which they come, are enhanced by dramatic illustrations.

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices. *[By]* **Paul Fleischman.** *Illustrated by* **Eric Beddows.** *[1988] 44 p. ill. (A Charlotte Zolotow book) $13.95 ISBN 0-06-021852-5 ($13.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-06-021853-3)* *87-45280*

Fresh, captivating poetic duets in praise of insects.

Keepers and Creatures at the National Zoo. *[By]* **Peggy Thomson.** *Photographs by* **Paul S. Conklin.** *New York: Thomas Y. Crowell [1988] 198 p. photos. $12.95 ISBN 0-690-04710-X ($12.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-690-04712-6) 87-47697*

Fascinating accounts of the work of zookeepers and their relationships with animals illustrated with black-and-white photographs.

More Tales of Uncle Remus: Further Adventures of Brer Rabbit, His Friends, Enemies, and Others. *As told by* **Julius Lester.** *Illustrated by* **Jerry Pinkney.** *New York: Dial Books [1988] 143 p. col. ill. $15.00 ISBN 0-8037-0419 ($14.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-8037-0420-8) 86-32890*

Lively pictures enhance these subtly humorous retellings.

Painting Faces. *[By]* **Suzanne Haldane.** *New York: E.P. Dutton [1988] 32 p. col. photos. $13.95 ISBN 0-525-44408-4 88-3706*

Color photographs and clear text provide directions and ethnic origins.

Round Buildings, Square Buildings, & Buildings That Wiggle like a Fish. *By* **Philip M. Isaacson.** *With photographs by the author. New York: Alfred A. Knopf [1988] 121 p. col. photos. $14.95 ISBN 0-394-89382-4 ($14.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-394-99382-9) 87-169-67*

Handsome full-color photographs and enthusiastic text define the subtle relationship between materials and design.

Shaka: King of the Zulus. *[By]* **Diane Stanley** *and* **Peter Vennema.** *Illustrated by* **Diane Stanley.** *New York: Morrow Junior Books [1988] 40 p. col. ill. $13.95 ISBN 0-688-07342-5 ($13.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07343-3) 87-27376*

The life and fortunes of an extraordinary Zulu king are chronicled in this striking picture biography.

Volcanoes. *By* **Seymour Simon.** *New York: Morrow Junior Books [1988] 32 p. col. photos. $12.95 ISBN 0-688-07411-1 ($12.98 lib. ed. ISBN 0-688-07412-X) 87-33316*

Striking photographs and compelling text describe major volcanoes of the world.

Another Shore. *[By]* **Nancy Bond.** *New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books [1988] 308 p. $14.95*
ISBN 0-689-50463-2 *87-3907*

An absorbing fantasy evolves around seventeen-year-old Lyn Paget, who is snatched back in time to eighteenth-century Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, where she becomes seventeen-year-old Elisabeth Bernard, eldest granddaughter of the town baker.

Borrowed Children. *[By]* **George Ella Lyon.** *New York: Orchard/Watts [1988] 154 p. (A Richard Jackson book) $12.95 ISBN 0-531-05751-8 ($12.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-531-08351-9)* *87-22700*

After caring for her brothers and sisters following their mother's difficult childbirth, twelve-year-old Amanda takes a vacation with her Memphis grandparents that gives her a new perspective on her family.

Geoffrey Chaucer: Canterbury Tales. *Selected, translated, and adapted by* **Barbara Cohen.** *Illustrated by* **Trina Schart Hyman.** *New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books [1987] 87 p. col. ill. $17.95 ISBN 0-688-06201-6* *86-21045*

The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer. *Retold by* **Selina Hastings.** *Illustrated by* **Reg Cartwright.** *New York: Henry Holt [1988] 75 p. col. ill. $17.95 ISBN 0-8050-0904-3* *88-45163*

Two fine retellings: an open format and accessible language distinguish Cohen's adaptation of four Canterbury tales from the more sophisticated text and illustration found in the seven tales adapted by Hastings. Each captures the flavor of fourteenth-century England.

The Changeling Sea. *[By]* **Patricia A. McKillip.** *New York: Atheneum, 1988. 139 p. (A Jean Karl book) $12.95 ISBN 0-689-31436-1* *88-3435*

A heroic fantasy in which Peri, a fifteen-year-old floor scrubber, and a magician strive to aid two changeling princes.

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Crutches. *(By)* **Peter Hartling.** *Translated from the German by* **Elizabeth D. Crawford.** *New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books (1988) 163 p. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-07991-1 88-80400*

In a poignant novel set in postwar Germany, twelve-year-old Thomas, separated from his mother, is befriended by a mysterious, bitter veteran known as Crutches.

The Dawn Palace: The Story of Medea. *(By)* **H. M. Hoover.** *New York: E. P. Dutton (1988) 244 p. $15.95 ISBN 0-525-44388-6 87-30602*

A novel interpretation of the story of Medea and her passionate but destructive love for the Argonaut Jason.

The Empty Sleeve. *(By)* **Leon Garfield.** *(New York): Delacorte Press (1988) 205 p. $14.95 ISBN 0-440-50049-4 87-37580*

Set in the eighteenth century, this tale of twins, born on the stroke of noon, is steeped in prophecy, suspense, and adventure.

False Face. *(By)* **Welwyn Wilton Katz.** *New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books (1988) 196 p. $12.95 ISBN 0-689-50456-X 88-12846*

In this compelling novel two teenagers unearth a pair of Iroquois masks only to confront terrifying consequences.

Granny Was a Buffer Girl. *(By)* **Berlie Doherty.** *New York: Orchard/Watts (1988) 131 p. $12.95 ISBN 0-531-05754-2 ($12.88 lib. ed. ISBN 0-531-08354-3) 87-25080*

A warm family history which includes a tale of Granny, who worked in a factory polishing cutlery.

Jimmy D., Sidewinder, and Me. *(By)* **Otto R. Salassi.** *New York: Greenwillow Books (1987) 150 p. $11.75 ISBN 0-688-05237-1 86-29508*

In a series of humorous letters written from jail to a judge, a young man describes his life as an orphan and his adventures with a pool hustler, a hypnotist, and a card shark, all of which land him in a sorry fix.

The Lives of Christopher Chant. *(By)* **Diana Wynne Jones.** *New York: Greenwillow Books (1988) 230 p. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-07806-0 87-24540*

A rollicking story about a boy with nine lives and his rendezvous with destiny.

Memory. *(By)* **Margaret Mahy.** *New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books (1988) 278 p. $13.95 ISBN 0-689-50446-2 87-21427*

A finely wrought novel, rich in character and setting, concerns the meeting of two lost souls, nineteen-year-old Jonny and Sophie, a victim of Alzheimer's, and how they come to terms with their lives.

The Other Side of the Family. *(By)* **Maureen Pople.** *New York: Henry Holt (1988) 165 p. $13.95 ISBN 0-8050-0758-X 87-32929*

During World War II, fifteen-year-old Kate is sent from London to stay with relatives in Australia. Subdued humor, plausible observations, and rich language characterize her narration.

Park's Quest. *(By)* **Katherine Paterson.** *New York: Lodestar Books/E. P. Dutton (1988) 148 p. $12.95 ISBN 0-525-67258-3 87-32422*

Memories of King Arthur bolster Park as he seeks answers to nagging questions about a father killed in Vietnam before he was born.

Say Goodnight, Gracie. *(By)* **Julie Reece Deaver.** *New York: Harper & Row, 1988. 214 p. (A Charlotte Zolotow book) $12.95 ISBN 0-06-021418-X ($12.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-06-021419-8) 87-45278*

Seventeen-year-old Morgan's anguish and emotional withdrawal following the death of her best friend Jimmy in a car accident are affectingly—and realistically—depicted in this perceptive novel.

Scorpions. *(By)* **Walter Dean Myers.** *New York: Harper & Row (1988) 216 p. $12.95 ISBN 0-06-024364-3 ($12.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-06-024365-1) 85-45815*

Drugs, violence, and gang warfare seem inevitable in twelve-year-old Jamal's Harlem, yet friendship and loyalty ease his struggle somewhat in this graphic novel.

So Long at the Fair. *[By]* **Hadley Irwin.** *New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 1988. 202 p. $12.95 ISBN 0-689-50454-3 88-12813*

This well-crafted novel depicts eighteen-year-old Joel struggling to cope with his memories of Ashley, whom he loved and had expected to have as a part of his life always.

Something Upstairs: A Tale of Ghosts. *[By]* **Avi.** *New York: Orchard/Watts (1988). 120 p. (A Richard Jackson book) $11.95 ISBN 0-531-05782-8 ($11.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-531-08382-9) 88-60094*

For Kenny Huldorf, thrown back to eighteenth-century Providence, Rhode Island, time travel is a plausible vehicle to prevent the murder of a young black slave.

The Trouble with Gramary. *[By]* **Betty Levin.** *New York: Greenwillow Books (1988) 198 p. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-07372-7 87-22702*

Weather was coming; that they all knew, but little did Merkka and her family know how greatly they would be affected.

The Village by the Sea. *[By]* **Paula Fox.** *New York: Orchard/Watts (1988). 147 p. $13.95 ISBN 0-531-05788-7 ($13.99 lib. ed. ISBN 0-531-08388-8) 88-60099*

Emma's miniature village made of driftwood, glass, and shells provides solace during a stay with hostile Aunt Bea and kindly Uncle Crispin. A finely crafted novel.

Always to Remember: The Story of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. *[By]* **Brent Ashabranner.** *Photographs by* **Jennifer Ashabranner.** *New York: Dodd, Mead (1988) 101 p. phot. $13.95 ISBN 0-396-09089-3 87-33110*

Text and photographs present an informative and poignant examination of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial from its inception to its effect.

Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave. *(By)* **Virginia Hamilton.** *New York: Alfred A. Knopf [1988] 193 p. $11.95. ISBN 0-394-88185-0 ($12.99 lib. ed. ISBN 0-394-98185-5) 87-38063*

Fact and the author's imagination reveal Anthony Burns, a black man who escaped slavery in Virginia only to be captured and put on trial in Boston, with shocking results.

Band of Brothers: West Point in the Civil War. *(By)* **Thomas Fleming.** *New York: Walker [1987] 142 p. ill. $13.95. ISBN 0-8027-6740-0. ($13.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-8027-6741-9) 87-21575*

The devastating effects of the Civil War on young cadets are depicted as friends become enemies and a band of brothers is broken.

A Girl from Yamhill: A Memoir. *(By)* **Beverly Cleary.** *New York: William Morrow [1988] 279 p. photos. $14.95. ISBN 0-688-07800-1 87-31554*

One of America's most loved children's authors reveals the details of her early life up to her entrance into college.

Hominids: A Look Back at Our Ancestors. *(By)* **Helen Roney Sattler.** *Illustrated by* **Christopher Santoro.** *New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books [1988] 125 p. col. ill. $15.95. ISBN 0-688-06061-7 86-810624*

A well-illustrated and carefully researched discussion of prehistoric peoples.

Little by Little: A Writer's Education. *(By)* **Jean Little.** *New York: Viking Kestrel [1988] 233 p. $11.95. ISBN 0-670-81649-3 C87-093540-2*

A Canadian author for children, born with "bad eyes," tells with humor and sensitivity how her struggles with school and family influenced her to become a writer.

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Rescue: The Story of How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust. *(By)* **Milton Meltzer.** *New York: Harper & Row [1988] 168 p. $12.95 ISBN 0-06-024209-4 ($12.89 lib. ed. ISBN 0-06-024210-8)* *87-47816*

Told here are World War II stories of little-known heroes.

Rhythm Road: Poems to Move To. *Selected by* **Lillian Morrison.** *New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books [1988] 148 p. $11.95 ISBN 0-688-07098-1* *87-4071*

An anthology of verse that sings with energy and verve.

Smoke and Ashes: The Story of the Holocaust. *(By)* **Barbara Rogasky.** *New York: Holiday House [1988] 187 p. ill. $16.95 ISBN 0-8234-0697-0* *87-28617*

An examination of the roots of anti-Semitism and the Nazi plan for the extermination of the Jewish race.

The War for Independence: The Story of the American Revolution. *By* **Albert Marrin.** *New York: Atheneum [1988] 276 p. ill. $14.95 ISBN 0-689-31390-X* *87-13711*

A well-organized, attractively illustrated account of the Revolution, filled with details about such intriguing items as codes and ciphers.

The Way Things Work. *(By)* **David Macaulay.** *Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1988. 384 p. col. ill. $24.95 ISBN 0-395-42857-2* *88-11270*

Text and detailed instructions introduce and explain the scientific principles and the working of hundreds of machines ranging from zippers to electric guitars.

The Young Reader's Encyclopedia of Jewish History. **Ilana Shamir,** *general editor.* **Dr. Shlomo Shavit,** *editor. [New York]: Viking Kestrel [1987] 125 p. col. ill. $15.95 ISBN 0-670-81738-4* *87-10599*

Well organized and profusely illustrated with photographs, maps, and diagrams, this oversize volume encompasses the history of the Jewish people.

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